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H.B. No. 961

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to ballot language for a proposition to approve the  
3 issuance of bonds by a city.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 52.072(e), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (e) In addition to any other requirement imposed by law for  
8 a proposition, including a provision prescribing the proposition  
9 language, a proposition submitted to the voters for approval of the  
10 issuance of bonds or the imposition, increase, or reduction of a tax  
11 shall specifically state, as applicable:

12 (1) with respect to a proposition seeking voter  
13 approval of the issuance of bonds:

14 (A) the total principal amount of the bonds to be  
15 authorized, if approved; ~~and~~

16 (B) a general description of the purposes for  
17 which the bonds are to be authorized, if approved; and

18 (C) if the issuer is a city, the total debt owed,  
19 stated as a total amount and as a per capita amount for the city  
20 population, and any surplus funds held by the city on the first day  
21 of the fiscal year in which the election is held;

22 (2) with respect to a proposition that only seeks  
23 voter approval of the imposition or increase of a tax, the amount of  
24 or maximum tax rate of the tax or tax increase for which approval is

1 sought; or

2           (3) with respect to a proposition that only seeks  
3 voter approval of the reduction of a tax, the amount of tax rate  
4 reduction or the tax rate for which approval is sought.

5           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
6 to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.  
7 An election ordered before the effective date of this Act is  
8 governed by the law in effect when the election was ordered.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.